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Neighbors in Need

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on **Sunday, October 6th**, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through ucc.org/justice, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM) These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of tribes and nations who are members of UCC congregations in the U.S. For more information about what the Neighbors in Need offering does, go to www.ucc.org/nin

Craft Days for October

Craft Days will continue through October with the meetings being on **Friday, October 4th and 18th at 1 p.m.**

Yes, we are still working on Quiet Books, but the church will also be open for crafters of every kind to come and work on their crafts or help others with theirs. Bring your supplies and create with good friends and fellow crafters. **Feel free to bring a friend!**

Community Dinner

On **Thursday, October 10th**, the Mountain Home Ministerial Association will be hosting the monthly Community Dinner at Our Lady of Good Council parish hall and they need your help.

There are different tasks that need to be done throughout the day to prepare for this event, so even if you don't have time during the evening

to help, you may be able to lend a hand at one of the earlier preparation activities. See the sign-up sheet on the sign-up table at the back of the Sanctuary for needs and times, or call the office. Thank you so much for lending your support to this important ministry.

Office Closed

In observance of Columbus Day, the church office will be closed on **Monday, October 14th**.

Women of the Church

Women's Fellowship Potluck and meeting

The next potluck and meeting for Women's Fellowship is scheduled for **Friday, October 11th** at noon at the church. The hostesses will be Mildred McNeal and Dorraine Aggen. Come and celebrate that "This is the day that the Lord hath made ~ Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" All women of the church are invited and welcome. Please feel free to bring a friend.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible study will meet the **second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m.** in the pastor's office. This month's meetings will be Wednesday, **October 9th and October 23rd**. We are studying the book *Falling Upwards* by Richard Rohr. All women of the church are invited to attend and, please, feel free to bring a friend.

Help Wanted with the Christmas Bazaar!

The bazaar will be held on Saturday, **December 7th from 8am until 12 noon**. All members of the church are asked to participate! **We need donations of gift-worthy items and crafted items.**

Whether you're a man, woman or child and your craft is wood, yarn, thread, cloth or recycled items, or you bake, can or pickle the bounty from your garden, please share your talent and your art with the Christmas Bazaar. Remember, the proceeds from the bazaar go to support many church programs!

Important: If you have something that you wish to donate for the Raffle, please notify the Women's Fellowship *before* the first of November.

Bulletin Sponsors for 2020

It is time to start signing up to sponsor a worship bulletin for 2020. The sign-up sheet is on the sign-up table in the back of the Sanctuary.

Choose the worship service you would like to sponsor and write your name next to that date; please note if you wish to remain anonymous. You may make your donation of \$10 per Sunday sponsored any time before the end of 2020. Please mark your check for the bulletin date that you are sponsoring. If you have any questions about how this works, contact the church office at 587-4969.

Pilgrim Cove End of Summer Work Weekend

Mark your calendar for **October 11 – 13** to be at Pilgrim Cove Camp for our End of Summer Work Weekend!

We need many hands to make light work! If you can:

- Use a chainsaw or trimmer
- Paint
- Clean
- Rake
- Lift
- Hold open doors, garbage bags
- Push a vacuum
- Eat warm and tasty food
- Enjoy a fall weekend in McCall while working
- Or a plethora of other skills,

Then this is the place for you!

We provide **2 nights lodging** and **5 meals** (breakfast, lunch, dinner Saturday, then breakfast and lunch Sunday in exchange for your labor. You will need to bring your own bedding, towels, toiletries, clothing, work gloves, etc...

Please contact us by October 7th if you will be able to come help out

Spike and friends so we can make sure to plan accordingly for

meals. Either call us at 208-634-5555, or e-mail us at

manager@pilgrimcovecamp.org

As always, we appreciate so greatly your time, talent, and treasure!

October's Potluck

The monthly potluck for October will be on the third Sunday of the month, **October 20th**. Please bring your own place setting, if possible, and

food to share. No matter what, all are welcome to the table.

Church Halloween Party

This year's Halloween Party will be on **Saturday, October 26th, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.** here at the church. There will be Trunk or Treat, Halloween costume walk, games, music, food, and fun for kids of all ages (yes, that means the adults too). Bring the kids, their friends, etc. and let's have a great afternoon of fun.

If you would like to donate candy, please drop it off at the church office Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. or bring your donated items to church with you on Sunday. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer your help to set up, run a game, or clean up, please contact Ann Carlin.

Thanks

Rally Day/Surprise Birthday

Church, you are amazing! Nancy Martin was thrilled with her birthday celebration!

Special thanks to: Nancy Martin's family, Women's Fellowship (birthday cake), Ken Andersen (purchased meat and helped grill in the rain), Social Committee (Allen and Heidi Harris, Nadine Roberts, Mary Ann Hamilton), and so very many of you who made our work light by pitching in to set tables, clean-up and do dishes.

Thank You all.

Garden Elves

Thank you to the garden elves who take care of the Rose Garden and other flowerbeds around the church. You know who you are.

Our Faithful Organists

A deep and heartfelt **Thank You** to our 3 wonderful organists, who have served our congregation for a combined total of 100 years; each one has contributed years of dedicated service of their musical talents totaling 100 years. Thank you for your tireless efforts and contribution, **Dorrain Aggen, Marlene Osborn, and Betty Parks.**

A plaque commemorating their time and talent has been placed on the organ for all to see.

Wendal Browning

Many thanks to Wendal Browning, a good friend of Pastor Gary's and an accomplished violinist. He shared his music with us on Sunday,

September 15th. The suite of hymns was a wonderful treat for the ears and the soul.

Share Table

It's been there faithfully for several years and occasionally someone will stop and visit it and see what it has to offer. *It* is the Share Table. Generally, it sits by the door leaving the Fellowship Hall. It has books, pamphlets, magazines and sometimes calendars and planning books, free for the taking. Please avail yourself of some of its wealth.

If you have something to share, feel free to add it to the table.

Congratulations

To all our civic minded folk who participate in the Air Force Appreciation Day events. Your efforts and time are a credit to you. C.D. Houston, who helps judge the parade entries, the Relay for Life Team for placing 3rd in open entries (Curtis and Ann Carlin are part of this team), and Nadine Roberts and Doreen Solum helping out in the Friends of the Library booth. There are sure to be many more that helped or participated in some way. Your community involvement is a blessing to all concerned.

Community Involvement

Walk to End Alzheimer's

My family and I will be walking in the Walk to End Alzheimer's at Julius Kleiner Park (behind The Village) in Meridian on **October 5**. Our team is Marguerite's Marchers in memory of my mother. We also will honor Roger's mother and many others that we know suffered from this horrid disease. If you would like to walk with us, we would love to have you! Registration is at 10 a.m. and the walk begins at 11:30 a.m. If you would like me to write the name of someone on the petal of a purple flower (for those who have died) or a yellow flower (for those still struggling with Alzheimer's), I would love to do that. If you would just like to contribute to the cause, you can go on line to alz.org, click on Marguerite's Marchers and add what you would like to give, or let me know, and I can take care of that for you. Much has been done in the research and care of this disease, but much more is needed! Someday there will be a white flower for the first survivor of Alzheimer's. We hope and pray that will be soon!

Thank you!

Gail Banner

Rice Brother's Concert

The Mountain Home Arts Council is proud to present "America's Most Charismatic Virtuosos," The Rice Brothers, on **Wednesday**,

October 9, for a community concert at the First Congregational Church of Mountain Home (515 E 15th N). Doors open at 6:30 pm and the program begins at 7 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 for Adults, \$8.00 Seniors/Military and \$5.00 for Students, available in advance at Lucky Perk or at the door.

The Rice Brothers, Johnny and Chris, each of whom plays the piano and cello, are young Polish-American musicians. They have performed extensively from coast to coast and in Europe, including a 2014 Carnegie Hall debut. Their performances feature a blend of classical music, Gospel, jazz, ragtime and Boogie Woogie. They were awarded the Carnegie Hall debut following each of them being named a gold medalist at an international Chopin piano competition.

It can be a bit disarming to see Johnny and Chris in concert. Performances that feature classical music are expected to have a certain formality, aren't they? But when The Rice Brothers walk out onto the stage, you meet two delightful fellows who are casual and friendly! They seem more like they were the kids you grew up with just down the block. You might expect that they would be out on the baseball diamond manning second base and shortstop. And then the music begins. Audiences are drawn in with the force of a magnet. They are beginning a musical journey with two consummate artists who reach deep into the hearts and souls of their listeners.

Coming Events

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 3, 2019
Turn those clocks back one hour.

Annual Budget and Election Meeting

The Annual Budget and Election Meeting will be after worship on **Sunday, November 10th**. Please be sure to attend so that we have a quorum and won't have to re-schedule. Thanks!

Thanksgiving events

Keep in mind all of our Thanksgiving activities.

After worship on **Sunday, November 24th**, there is the Annual Women's Fellowship Thanksgiving Pie Auction. Everyone is invited to help make pies and attend the auction.

Sunday evening, at 6 p.m. is our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner followed at 6:30 by our Annual Pledge Blessing service.

More information to come in the November newsletter.

Women's Fellowship Christmas Bazaar

The Women's Fellowship Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Saturday, December 7, 2019**, from **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm.** Set up will be **December 6th, 1 to 5 p.m.**

There will be homemade candy, breads, and baked goods as well as homemade jellies, salsas, pickles. Pies with coffee and tea will be available in Horner's Corner.

Besides goodies to eat, handmade crafts and needlework and gift items will be available for purchase. Come join us and bring friends and neighbors. Get your Christmas baked goodies here and unique gift items for those very special people on your Christmas list.

If you have something to contribute to the Bazaar, contact the church office or one of the ladies from the Women's Fellowship.

October Birthdays

1 – Dale Hooley	13 – Kristy Blanksma
2 – Suzanne Dillard	13 – Mary Ann Hamilton
4 – Lauren Tomsic	16 – Henry Toy
7 – Joyce Allgood	21 – Karen Jumonville
7 – Jay Leonard	22 – Cindy Lindquist
9 – Rick Parks	25 – Mollie Marsh
10 – Terri Jones	26 – Linda Ramsey
29 – Jonathen Deal	

October Anniversaries

8 – Jeremy and Michaela Loosli
18 – Janet & Bud Weise
18 – Ann & Curtis Carlin
27 – Jay and Ayesha Townsend
30 – Anne Parker & Paul Taggart

Special Angels for October

LITURGISTS (Jennifer Dillenbeck)

6 – Betty Ashcraft
13 – Susan Mussler
20 – Gail Banner
27 – Mike Keas

GREETERS (Maurie Townsend)

6 – Joe B. and Mildred McNeal
13 – Betty Ashcraft and Al Foster
20 – Wade Baumgardner
27 – Maurie Townsend and Tony Deal

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (sign-up sheet)

6 – Cindy and Terry Lindquist
13 – Mary Ann Hamilton
20 – POTLUCK!!
27 – Betty Ashcraft and Al Foster

FLOWERS (Sign-Up Sheet)

6 – Nadine Roberts
13 – Nadine Roberts
20 – Linda Miller
27 –

USHERS (Diane Venski)

PARAMENTS (Allen Harris)

COMMUNION (Heidi Harris)

From our Interim Pastor

When I discovered the following article about the composition of groups, I thought of the church (not necessarily our church) and how it describes some congregations. See what you think.

There was once a large group that had the last name "Tate."

The elderly but stubborn patriarch, **Dic Tate** wanted to run the group his way. While his brother, **Ro Tate** wanted to change everything because "new is always better." The sister, **Agi Tate** was always stirring up dissent with the able assistance of her obnoxious husband, **Iri Tate**. When a new program was suggested **Hesi Tate** and his wife, **Vegi Tate**, wanted to wait until next year. Then there was **Imi Tate** who thought we should do only what other groups do. Doom was constantly being forewarned by **Devis Tate** while **Poten Tate** plotted how to become the big shot of the group. The worse one was **Ampu Tate**, who cut himself off from the organization.

Not all the **Tates** were harmful for the group. **Facili Tate** made things run more smoothly and **Felici Tate** was quick to cover over ill feelings. **Cogi Tate** and **Medi Tate** offered a helpful and steady hand thinking over proposals. By working together the **Tates** were able to fulfill their mission.

We, at First Congregational, will continue to unite and share in the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ our Lord who has called us together for this purpose. I hope to see you Sunday.

Pastor Gary

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	2 7 p.m. Venture Crew	3 6 p.m. Bell 7 p.m. Choir	4 1 p.m. Craft Day	
NIN offering 6 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion	7 7 p.m. Diaconate Board meeting 7 p.m. BSA	8 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	9 11 a.m. Women's Bible Study 4 – 10 p.m. Rice Brothers Concert 7 p.m. Venture Crew	10 6 p.m. Bell 7 p.m. Choir	11 12 p.m. Women's Fellowship Potluck and meeting	
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20 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Potluck	21 7 p.m. BSA	22 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	23 11 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Venture Crew	24 6 p.m. Bell 7 p.m. Choir	25	26 1 – 4 p.m. Halloween Party
27 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 12:20 Christian Ed meeting	28 7 p.m. Church Council 7 p.m. BSA	29 7 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack meeting and Rain Gutter Regatta	30 7 p.m. Venture Crew	31 No Bell No Choir		

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